

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF GAS TO POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 2250 MW worth projects are pending for commissioning due to shortage of gas;
- (b) if so, whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government for adequate supply of gas for all the existing gas based projects and for those which are still under construction;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether some projects have already been constructed but are unable to generate power due to non-availability of gas supply;
- (e) if so, the total gas required for such projects; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for adequate supply of gas to the existing gas based projects as well as for the under construction power projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

- (a): As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), power projects with a capacity of 1285 MW are pending for commissioning due to shortage of gas.
- (b): Government has received requests for supply of gas in respect of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) & (e): As reported by CEA, power projects with a capacity of 590 MW have been commissioned, but are unable to generate power due to non-availability of gas supply. The gas required for these power plants at 90 % Plant Load Factor (PLF) is 2.84 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD).
- (c) & (f): The Government of India has initiated various steps to augment gas supplies for the domestic market. These cover:-
 - (a) Intensification in domestic E&P activities;
 - (b) Exploitation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas;
 - (c) Implementation of Natural Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) for evaluation of hydrate resources and their possible commercial exploitation;
 - (d) LNG Import; and
 - (e) Gas sourcing through transnational gas pipelines.